

My name is Julie Frantz and I am the mother and caregiver for Lauren Frantz. She is a survivor of a catastrophic car accident who now suffers from a traumatic brain injury. It was October 26, 2007, Lauren is now 21 years old.

She spent 8 months total in hospitals, 4 different ones.

Lauren has a baclofen pump in the layers of her abdomen, it has to be refilled every 3 months and replaced every 5 years. The baclofen helps control and reduce her muscle spasms, we were told this is a life long commitment. She also has attendant caregivers 24 hours a day every day, and therapy 5 days a week.

My daughter was 17 when she had her accident she had an incredible outlook on life and a bright future, I would like to think she still does! Almost 4 years later (because of her intense therapy) she has taken her first steps. Lauren works very hard everyday not only with each and every therapist but also for her caregivers. Lauren NEEDS these people, and these benefits for her very survival!!